CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A compound of Formula IV

 R_{4} R_{3} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{1}

R1-R4 are hydrogen or alkyl;

X is NR5 or O;

R5 is hydrogen or alkyl,

R6 is hydrogen, alkyl, benzyl, alkanoyl, alkoxyalkanoyl, arylalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, allyl, alkylcycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, trisubstituted halogenalkyl, and wherein R₁-R₄ are each hydrogen the R₆ is not hydrogen or methyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, prodrug, or amide thereof.

- 2. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R_2 and R_4 are hydrogen and R_1 and R_3 are alkyl; R_2 and R_4 are hydrogen and R_1 and R_3 are methyl; R_1 - R_4 are hydrogen; R_1 is alkyl and R_2 - R_4 are hydrogen; R_1 is methyl and R_2 - R_4 are hydrogen; R_5 is hydrogen; R_6 is R_6 ; R_6 is alkyl; R_6 is acetyl; R_6 is phenylalkyl; R_6 is cycloalkyl; R_6 is alkylcycloalkyl; R_6 is alkoxy; and R_6 is allyl.
- 3. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R_2 and R_4 are hydrogen and R_1 and R_3 are methyl; R_1 - R_4 are hydrogen; R_1 is methyl and R_2 - R_4 are hydrogen; R_5 is

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hydrogen; X is NR₆; R₆ is alkyl; R₆ is benzyl; R₆ is acetyl; R₆ is phenylalkyl; R₆ is cycloalkyl; R₆ is trifluoroalkyl; R₆ is alkylcycloalkyl; R₆ is alkoxy; and R₆ is allyl.

- 4. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R₂ and R₄ are hydrogen and R₁ and R₃ are methyl; R₁-R₄ are hydrogen.
- 5. A compound according to Claim 1 and selected from the group consisting of:

(1-Allylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

(1-Prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

{1-[(2,2,2-Trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

{1-[(3,3,3-Trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

1α,3β,5β- (1-Allylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

1α,3β,5β-(3,5-Dimethyl-1-prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl\}$

acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl\}-$

acetic acid;

trans-((1R,3R)-1-Allylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

trans-{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-

acetic acid;

 $trans-\{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl\}-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl-1-[(3,3$

acetic acid;

trans-{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(4,4,4-trifluoro-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-

acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{3,5-\text{Dimethyl-1-}[(4,4,4-\text{trifluoro-butylamino})-\text{methyl}\}$

acetic acid:

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl\}-$

acetic acid;

trans-{(1R,3R)-1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3-methyl-cyclohexyl}-

acetic acid;

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trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-1-Ethylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-1-Butylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; 1α,3β,5β-(1-[(Hydroxymethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Aminomethyl-3,5-diethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride; $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(3,5-Dimethyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Ethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Benzylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Dimethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Butylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl\}$ -acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

1α,3β,5β-(3,5-Dimethyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -[1-(Acetylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid; $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -[1-(Isobutylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid,

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -[3,5-Dimethyl-1-(phenethylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

1α,3β,5β-{3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(3-phenyl-propylamino)-methyl] cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(Cyclobutylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

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hydrochloride salt;

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 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -[1-(Isopropylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(2-Methyl-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(4,4,4-Trifluoro-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Ethylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(2-Hydroxy-1-methyl-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[1-(Isobutylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[1-(Isopropylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl] acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Cyclohexylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[1-(Benzylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[Cyclopentylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;

{1-[(Cyclohexylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;

[1-(tert-Butoxycarbonylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid;

[1-(Acetylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid;

((3R, 5S)-1-Cyclobutylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid,

hydrochloride salt;

{(3R, 5S)-3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(2-methyl-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(3R, 5S)-1-[(2-Hydroxy-1-methyl-ethylamino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(3R, 5S)-1-[(2,2-Dimethoxy-ethylamino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(3R, 5S)-1-[(Cyclopentylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(3R,5S)-1-[(Cyclohexylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3.5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((3R, 5S)-1-Cyclohexylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((3R,5S)-1-Carboxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((3R, 5S)-1 Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

cis-((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Dimethylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Butylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[2,2-Dimethoxy-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[1-(Phenethylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(3-Phenyl-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, sodium salt;

((3R, 5S)-1-Ethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Aminomethyl-4-ethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;

(1-Aminomethyl-4-propyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;

((3R, 5S)-3,5-Dimethyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[(1R, 3R)-1-(Benzylamino-methyl)-3-methyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic\acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(1R, 3R)-1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-3-methyl-cyclohexyl}\acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((1R, 3R)-3-Methyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

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 A method for treating diabetic retinopathy comprising the step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formulas I, II, and/or III to a patient in need thereof

wherein:

R₉ is H; alkyl; cycloalkyl; substituted alkyl containing halogen, amine, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, or hydroxy; allyl; alkynyl; alkanoyl; alkoxyalkanoyl; sulfonyl; phenyl; benzyl; or arylalkyl;

m and n are independently an integer of 1-3;

 $R_1 - R_8$ and $R_{10} - R_{14}$ are independently H, alkyl, or substituted alkyl; and $X = NR_{14}$, O, or S

where there is more than one stereoisomer, each chiral center may be independently R or S; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, prodrug, or amide thereof.

- 7. The method of Claim wherein m and n are 1; X is NR₁₄; R₉ is H; R₄ is methyl; R₄ and R₅ are methyl; R₈ is methyl; R₁₀ is methyl; R₇ and R₈ are methyl; R₄ and R_8 are methyl; R_1 - R_8 and R_{10} - R_{13} are H; R_9 is alkyl; R_9 is benzyl; R_{14} is alkyl; R_9 is arylalkyl; R_9 is cycloalkyl; R_1 - R_8 are H; R_1 - R_8 and R_{10} - R_{11} are H; R_1 - R_2 and R_7 - R_8 are H; or R_2 is methyl.
- 8. The method of Claim 6 wherein R₃ is alkyl, R₁-R₂ and R₄-R₁₁ and R₁₄ are hydrogen, and m and n are 1, and X is NR_{14} ; R_3 and R_{11} are alkyl, R_1 - R_2 and R_4 - R_{10} and R_{14} are hydrogen, m and n are 1, and X is NR_{14} ; R_3 and R_{11} are alkyl, R_1 -R₂ and R₄-R₁₀ and R₁₄ are hydrogen, m and n are 1, R₉ is alkyl, and X is NR₁₄; and R₁-R₁₁ and R₁₄ are hydrogen, m and n are 1, and X is O.
- 9. The method of Claim 6 wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:
 - (1-Allylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;
 - (1-Prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;
 - {1-[(2,2,2-Trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;
 - {1-[(3,3,3-Trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;
 - 1α,3β,5β- (1-Allylaminomethyl-3.5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acids
 - $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(3,5-Dimethyl-1-prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic\acid;

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 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl\}$ acetic acid: α ,3 β ,5 β -{3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}acètic acid: trans-\(1R,3R)-1-Allylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid: trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}acetic acid; trans-{(1R.3R)-3\Methyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid; trans-{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(4,4,4-trifluoro-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}acetic acid; $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{3,5-Dimethyl-1-\}(4,4,4-trifluoro-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}$ acetic acid; $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{1-[(Cyclopropylmethy)\}-amino\}-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl\}$ acetic acid; trans-{(1R,3R)-1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3-methyl-cyclohexyl}acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-1-Ethylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-1-Butylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R.3R)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; 1α,3β,5β-{1-[(Hydroxymethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid: 1α,3β,5β-(1-Aminomethyl-3,5-diethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic àcid, hydrochloride; trans-(1R,3R)(1-Aminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

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(±)-(trans)-(1-Aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride; (cis/trans)-(3R)-(1-Aminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

(1-Aminomethyl-2-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

(1-Aminomethyl-3,3-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

(+)-(trans)-(1-Aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

(\hat{\chi})-(trans)-(1-Aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride:

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Aminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(3\,5-Dimethyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 1α , 3 β , 5 β -(1-Ethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid,

hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Benzylamino methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid.

hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Dimethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid,

hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Butylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid,

hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha.3\beta.5\beta-\{1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-3.5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl\}-acetic$

acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(3,5-Dimethyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid,

hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -[1-(Acetylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid;

1α,3β,5β-(1-(Isobutylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid,

hydrochloride salt;

1α,3β,5β-[3,5-Dimethyl-1-(phenethylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid,

hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{3,5-\text{Dimethyl-1-}[(3-\text{phenyl-propylamino})-\text{methyl}]-\text{cyclohexyl}\}$ -acetic

acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(Cyclobutylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride

salt:

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-(1-(Isopropylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid,$

hydrochloride salt;

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1-Aminomethyl-1-cyclohexane-acetic acid;

1\Aminomethyl-1-cyclopentane-acetic acid;

1-Aminomenthyl-1-cyclopentane-acetic acid, sodium salt;

1-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohexane-acetic acid, sodium salt;

{1-[(2-Methyl-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(4,4,4-\text{Trifluoro-butylamino})-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt:

(1-Ethylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(2-Hydroxy-1-methyl-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[1-(Isobutylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[1-(Isopropylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Cyclohexylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[1-(Benzylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[Cyclopentylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt:

{1-[(Cyclohexylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;

[1-(tert-Butoxycarbonylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid;

 $\hbox{$[1$-(Acetylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid;}\\$

((3R, 5S)-1-Cyclobutylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(3R, 5S)-3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(2-methyl-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(3R, 5S)-1-[(2-Hydroxy-1-methyl-ethylamino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(3R, 5S)-1-[(2,2-Dimethoxy-ethylamino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

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- 121 -{(3R, 5S)-1-[(Cyclopentylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}acetic acid, hydrochloride salt; $\{(3R,5S)-1-[(Cyclohexylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl\}-acetic$ acid, hydrochloride salt; ((3R, 5S)-1-Cyclohexylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt; ((3R,5S)-1-Carboxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((3R, 5S)-1\Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt; cis-((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt; (1-Dimethylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt; (1-Butylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt; {1-[2,2-Dimethoxy-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt; (1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt; {1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt; [1-(Phenethylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt; {1-[(3-Phenyl-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt; ((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, sodium salt; ((3R, 5S)-1-Ethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt; (1-Aminomethyl-4-ethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt; (1-Aminomethyl-4-propyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt; ((3R, 5S)-3,5-Dimethyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt; [(1R, 3R)-1-(Benzylamino-methyl)-3-methyl-cyclohexyl]\acetic acid,

hydrochloride salt;

{(1R, 3R)-1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-3-methyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

or

((1R, 3R)-3-Methyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

<u>10.</u> A method for inhibiting the branch chain amino acid-dependent aminotransferase in a patient in need thereof comprising the step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formulas I, II, and/or III

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wherein:

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R₉ is H; alkyl; cycloalkyl; substituted alkyl containing halogen, amine, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, or hydroxy; allyl; alkynyl; alkanoyl; alkoxyalkanoyl; sulfonyl; phenyl; benzyl; or arylalkyl;

m and are independently an integer of 1-3;

 $R_1 - R_8$ and $R_{10} - R_{14}$ are independently H, alkyl, or substituted alkyl; and $X = NR_{14}$, O, or S

where there is more than one stereoisomer, each chiral center may be independently R or S; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, prodrug, or amide thereof

- The method of Claim 10 wherein wherein m and n are 1; X is NR₁₄; R₉ is H; R₄ is methyl; R₄ and R₅ are methyl; R₈ is methyl; R₁₀ is methyl; R₇ and R₈ are methyl; R₁-R₈ and R₁₀-R₁₃ are H; R₉ is alkyl; R₉ is benzyl; R₁₄ is alkyl; R₉ is arylalkyl; R₉ is cycloalkyl; R₁-R₈ are H; R₁-R₈ and R₁₀-R₁₁ are H; R₁-R₂ and R₇-R₈ are H; or R₂ is methyl.
- 12. The method of Claim 10 wherein R₃ is alkyl, R₁-R₂ and R₄-R₁₁ and R₁₄ are hydrogen, and m and n are 1, and X is NR₁₄; R₃ and R₁₁ are alkyl, R₁-R₂ and R₄-R₁₀ and R₁₄ are hydrogen, m and n are 1 and X is NR₁₄; R₃ and R₁₁ are alkyl, R₁-R₂ and R₄-R₁₀ and R₁₄ are hydrogen, m and n are 1, R₉ is alkyl, and X is NR₁₄; and R₁-R₁₁ and R₁₄ are hydrogen, m and n are 1, and X is O.
- 13. The method of Claim 10 wherein the compound is selected from:

(1-Allylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

acetic acid:

(1-Prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

{1-[(2,2,2-Trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acètic acid;

{1-[(3,3,3-Trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ - (1-Allylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid;

 $1\alpha.3\beta.5\beta-(3.5-Dimethyl-1-prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)$ acetic acid;

 $1\alpha, 3\beta, 5\beta - \{3, 5-Dimethyl-1-[(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl\}-1\alpha, 3\beta, 5\beta - \{3, 5-Dimethyl-1-[(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl]-1\alpha, 3\beta, 5\beta - \{3, 5-Dimethyl-1-[(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl-1-[(2,2$

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hydrochloride;

 $\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl\}$ acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-1-Allylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-prop-2-ynylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}acetic acid; trans-{(NR,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(3,3,3-trifluoro-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid; trans-{(1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-[(4,4,4-trifluoro-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}acetic acid; $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{3,5-\text{Dimethyl-1-}[(4,4,4-\text{trifluoro-butylamino})-\text{methyl}]-\text{cyclohexyl}\}$ acetic acid; $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl\}$ acetic acid: trans-{(1R,3R)-1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3-methyl-cyclohexyl}acetic acid: trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-1-Ethylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R.3R)-1-Butylaminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((1R,3R)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{1-[(Hydroxymethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl\}-acetic$ acid: $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Aminomethyl-3,5-diethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride; trans-(1R,3R)(1-Aminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride; (1-Aminomethyl-2-methyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride; (1-Aminomethyl-3,3-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride; (±)-(trans)-(1-Aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid. hydrochloride:

(+)-(trans)-(1-Aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

(cis/trans)-(3R)-(1-Aminomethyl-3-methyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid,

(+)-(trans)-(1-Aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

 1α , 3β , 5β -(1-Aminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(3,5-Dimethyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Ethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt,

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Benzylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Dimethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-Butylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl\}$ -acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(3,5-Dimethyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -[1-(Acetylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid; $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta$ -(1-(Isobutylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid. hydrochloride salt;

1α,3β,5β-[3,5-Dimethyl-1-(phenethylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-\{3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(3-phenyl-propylamino)-methyl]$ -cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(Cyclobutylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

 $1\alpha,3\beta,5\beta-(1-(Isopropylamino-methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;$

1-Aminomethyl-1-cyclohexane-acetic acid;

1-Aminomethyl-1-cyclopentane-acetic acid;

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1-Aminomenthyl-1-cyclopentane-acetic acid, sodium salt;

1-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohexane-acetic acid, sodium salt;

{1-\(\)(2-Methyl-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(4,4,4-Trifluoro-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Ethylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(2-Hydroxy-1-methyl-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[1-(Isobutylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[1-(Isopropylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Cyclohexylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[1-(Benzylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((1R,3R)-3-Methyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[Cyclopentylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;

{1-[(Cyclohexylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;

[1-(tert-Butoxycarbonylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl] cacetic acid;

[1-(Acetylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid;

((3R, 5S)-1-Cyclobutylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclobexyl)-acetic acid,

hydrochloride salt;

{(3R, 5S)-3,5-Dimethyl-1-[(2-methyl-butylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(3R, 5S)-1-[(2-Hydroxy-1-methyl-ethylamino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(3R, 5S)-1-[(2,2-Dimethoxy-ethylamino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(3R, 5S)-1-[(Cyclopentylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

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{(3R,5S)-1-[(Cyclohexylmethyl-amino)-methyl]-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((3R, 5S)-1-Cyclohexylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((3R,5S)-1-Carboxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid; trans-((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

cis-((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Dimethylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-Butylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[2,2-Dimethoxy-ethylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

(1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

[1-(Phenethylamino-methyl)-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{1-[(3-Phenyl-propylamino)-methyl]-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

((3R, 5S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, sodium salt;

((3R, 5S)-1-Ethylaminomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid,

hydrochloride salt;

(1-Aminomethyl-4-ethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;

(1-Aminomethyl-4-propyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloric salt;

((3R, 5S)-3,5-Dimethyl-1-propylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid,

hydrochloride salt;

[(1R, 3R)-1-(Benzylamino-methyl)-3-methyl-cyclohexyl]-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

{(1R, 3R)-1-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-3-methyl-cyclohexyl}-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

or

((1R, 3R)-3-Methyl-1-methylaminomethyl-cyclohexyl)-acetic acid, hydrochloride salt;

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M. A method for treating neurological disorders, depression, anxiety, panic, mania, bipolar disorders, antiflammatory diseases, glaucoma, pain or gastrointestinal damage comprising the step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula IV to patient in need thereof.

R6 is hydrogen, alkyl, benzyl, alkanoyl, alkoxyalkanoyl, arylalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, trisubstituted halogenalkyl, and wherein R₁-R₄ are each hydrogen the R₆ is not hydrogen or methyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, prodrug, or amide thereof.

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